IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Roland Schule et al. Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

Serial No.: Div. of SN 09/428,647 Examiner: Not Assigned

Filed: October 28, 1999

For: USE OF SLIM3 FOR BINDING TO MOLECULES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the title and before the first paragraph, please insert:

-- This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/428,647, filed October 28, 1999. --

REMARKS

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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